

J.C. Blair Company Complex, Building B
Corner of Sixth and Penn streets
Huntingdon
Huntingdon County
Pennsylvania

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Location: Between Sixth and Seventh streets and Penn and Allegheny streets, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: 1885

Builder: J.C. Blair

Present Owner: Leon Hopkins (Huntingdon Electric Motor Company)

Present Use: Warehousing and retail business

Significance: In the mid-1870s, J.C. Blair experimented with padded paper tablets and began the commercial manufacture of his invention in 1878. In 1885, he erected Building B to house his rapidly expanding business, whose products were then being sold nationally and marketed internationally.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair and Cambria counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

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